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## QUESTION TO BE SETTLED

Oregon Officials Bring Suit to  
Compel Seiner to Pay Li-  
cense to This State.

WHERE IS BOUNDARY LINE?

Mooted Problem Will Be Deter-  
mined Upon if Case Is Car-  
ried Up, as Seems Quite  
Probable.

What promises to result in one of the most important suits ever instituted in this city was commenced yesterday by Deputy District Attorney Abercrombie on behalf of the state fisheries department. Alexander Grant, a well known seiner, was arrested for fishing without license issued from the Oregon department. Mr. Grant holds a Washington license and claims the right to operate his seining ground under the Washington permit. The case will doubtless be carried to the higher courts, and eventually a decision rendered affecting the respective rights of the states of Oregon and Washington in levying licenses on the Columbia river.

Deputy District Attorney Abercrombie yesterday explained the attitude of the state. He said that all of the seiners of the Columbia river, with the exception of Mr. Grant, have paid seining licenses in both Oregon and Washington. In Mr. Grant's case the license fee would amount to about \$100. The law specifies a fine of \$50 for violation of the license law, so, in order that the state may not lose anything, two complaints have already been filed against Mr. Grant, each charging him with operating without license on different days, and a third complaint will be filed today. Other complaints may be filed before the case is called for preliminary hearing, on next Wednesday.

"The state of Oregon claims jurisdiction over the waters of the entire Columbia river," said Mr. Abercrombie. "We contend that we have the right to collect licenses from seiners whose grounds extend to the Washington shore. Mr. Grant has been operating what is known as the hogback ground, off Tongue Point. He states that he has secured a Washington license to operate this ground. We contend that he must secure an Oregon license, and, upon his refusal to do so, caused his arrest."

"Of course, the case will, if carried to the higher courts, determine the mooted question of the authority of each of the states. The boundary line between Oregon and Washington, so far as jurisdiction over the waters of the Columbia river is concerned, has never been settled. Both states claim jurisdiction, each to the shore of the

other. A case affecting the ownership of tideland used for seining purposes was once carried to the federal district court, but, unfortunately for seiners, the matter was settled by the interested parties just as the federal court was about to pass upon the case. I presume the present case will be carried up, and the question definitely settled."

The suit is the outcome of the decision reached by the state board of fish commissioners at its last session. The matter was discussed at some length at the meeting held August 1, and it was decided to institute the test proceedings. It is apparent that seiners should not be required to pay two licenses for the privilege of operating, although they have thus far consented to do so. When the question of jurisdiction was raised some years ago in rather a vigorous manner, state troops having then been called out by wrathful officials, the matter was compromised, the understanding being that the two states should exercise joint jurisdiction. But the matter of seining licenses presents the situation in an entirely new light, and the old agreement will not cover it.

Mr. Grant was arrested and taken before Justice Goodman, who set his case for preliminary hearing next Wednesday. Mr. Grant was, of course, permitted to go upon his own recognizance. It is not unlikely that the suit will result in the appointment of a commission to determine upon a line which shall serve as the boundary in just such disputes as that which has now arisen.

### A Queen's Gift.

While at an open-air bazar and fete in the Estrella gardens recently, the queen dowager of Portugal lost a gold bracelet set with diamonds, which she greatly prized as the gift of the late King Luiz on their wedding day. A close search of the grounds for the missing ornament met with no success.

On going home in the evening one of the oldest of the keepers was relating the incident to his wife when their little 7-year-old granddaughter slipped out of bed and, to their astonishment, held out the lost bracelet, asking them to look at the pretty round thing she had found in the gardens.

Next day the keeper hastened to the palace with the ornament, and on announcing his errand was admitted directly to the queen, who offered him a 10-pound note as a reward. The old man, however, proudly declined to accept it, saying he had only done his duty.

"But," he added, "my wife and I are old, and will soon die. If her majesty wishes to do something for me, let her protect my little granddaughter, the finder of the bracelet, who will be left alone."

The queen smilingly granted this humble request, and promised to interest herself in the future of the child, who is forthwith to be sent to a good school.

## WANTS COIN OR HIS LIFE

Henry Weinhard, Portland Mil-  
lionaire, Spotted by Man  
Who Needs Money.

SENDS THREATENING LETTER

Note Reaches Paul Wessinger,  
Who Is Also Marked for  
Death by a Man Who  
Demands \$2000.

Henry Weinhard, the millionaire brewer of Portland, has been threatened with death if he does not yield up \$2000, by a person whose identity the police have not yet ascertained. The letter addressed to him was received Monday night by Paul Wessinger, the manager of Mr. Weinhard's business interests, as the brewer is now at Seaside. After arming himself as a precaution against attack, Mr. Wessinger turned the letter over to the police. In it the writer declared that Mr. Weinhard has more money than he needs and must give \$2000 to him in order that he may complete a house he is building, or pay for his failure to do so with his life. The writer also declared that he would kill Mr. Wessinger. As soon as the letter was turned over to the police City Detective Kerrigan was detailed to endeavor to discover the identity of the author if possible and place him under arrest. Owing to the reticence of the authorities minor details can not be learned. They refuse to say whether its author stated how and when the money must be turned over to him. One theory is that the man is insane. Whether this be true or not, the police are convinced that it is dangerous for him to be at large. In order not to alarm Mr. Weinhard unnecessarily, no word concerning the letter has yet been sent him.

### Schooner Aground.

The four-masted schooner Robert R. Hind is aground on Desdemona sands. The vessel arrived off the mouth of the river Tuesday night and her master determined to sail into port. He got along very nicely until he started for the upper harbor, when he grounded on the sands. The schooner is resting easily and will be floated without trouble. The schooner was high and dry at low water yesterday. The accident was due to the fact that the captain was not familiar with the channel.

### BASEBALL.

#### Pacific Coast.

At Tacoma—Portland, 2; Tacoma, 10.  
At Los Angeles—Oakland, 0; Los Angeles, 2.

At San Francisco—Seattle, 6; San Francisco, 2.

#### Pacific National.

At Spokane—Boise, 6; Spokane, 3.  
At Detroit—Washington, 1; Detroit, 4.

At Chicago—New York, 1; Chicago, 5.  
At St. Louis—Boston, 4; St. Louis, 8.

#### National.

At Philadelphia—Pittsburg, 6; Philadelphia, 3.

**Medical Commission to Organize.**  
New York, Aug. 10.—The second session of the Pan-American Medical commission has been held and the commission will at once organize by the election of a president, vice president and secretary-treasurer, says a Herald dispatch from Panama. The executive committee in New York will be advised of the proceedings and its further instructions will be awaited. It is generally believed that General Gorgas will be unanimously elected president.

**Accidentally Shot Himself.**  
Marshfield, Aug. 10.—Ernest Floeger, while sitting on a bridge near the outskirts of Coquille City this afternoon, accidentally shot himself with a 22-caliber revolver, and died shortly after. He was 25 years old.

**Successor to Von Plehve.**  
St. Petersburg, Aug. 10.—Persistent rumors that the emperor has signed the appointment of Minister of Justice Murievlev as minister of the interior, in succession to the late von Plehve.

**Wireless in the War.**  
According to the advices from the operators of the De Forest wireless system in Chinese and Japanese waters, there is an unending train of wireless signals going on day and night in that vicinity. The signals of

the Russians and the Japanese, and especially the latter, can be heard at all hours, these nations, in common with all others, using in telegraphy a modification of the Morse telegraph alphabet. The telegraph alphabet used by the Russians contains thirty characters; that of the Japanese is said to contain forty characters, like the American Morse contains but twenty-six characters. But, apart from the difference in the alphabets, the belligerents use cipher codes, which render their communications unintelligible to outsiders, even if they were otherwise readable.

The De Forest wireless station in North China from which the wireless war news is cabled to Europe is situated on a cliff somewhat east of Weihaiwei. The height of the vertical wire used is about 150 feet, which is also the height of the station above sea level. The Chinese steamship Haimun, which was chartered by the London Times for newsgathering by wireless telegraphy, has a vertical wire about ninety-six feet high. The transmitting and receiving apparatus employed at Weihaiwei and on the Haimun are practically identical and the operating rooms virtually correspond to those of the Panama and Port Limon stations. Messages were freely sent to and from the boat at distances ranging from ten to one hundred and fifty miles. The signals could be heard at greater distances from the boat to the shore than contrawise, the rolling of the boat at times interfering with the reception of signals. At the time of Russia's announcement that correspondents employing wireless telegraphy in the war zone would be treated as spies, the Haimun was on the Korean coast and those on board were promptly informed of the interesting situation by wireless telegraphy.

This vessel has had several interesting experiences. One day last April, when the Haimun was within twelve miles of Port Arthur and eighty-five miles from Weihaiwei, on the lookout for war news, she was held up by a shot across her bows from the Russian warship Bayan. Not knowing what might happen, Captain James, the correspondent of the London Times on the Haimun, sent a wireless dispatch to Weihaiwei, notifying that station that they were about to be boarded by officers of the Russian battleship Bayan. "If you do not hear from us in three hours," said the message, "notify commissioner, captain of British gunboat Leviathan and London Times." There was some natural anxiety to know if the message had been received, but presently all anxiety was relieved by the welcome signal "O. K." from the Weihaiwei operator. In a short time a reply came stating that the commissioner and the commander of the British fleet at Weihaiwei had been properly notified and that from the window of the operating room it could be seen that the fleet was getting up steam—"and that," added the operator, "is no dream." Two Russian officers boarded the Haimun, inspected the wireless apparatus and took a copy of the last message sent. In the midst of their inspection the officers were hurriedly recalled to the Bayan by apparently excited signals from that ship, which immediately returned to Port Arthur. It was surmised by those on the Haimun, as an explanation of their hasty return, that the Russians had detected Japanese wireless signals. On the other hand, it is quite possible that the Bayan's wireless operator may also have received the messages sent from the Haimun and from Weihaiwei relative to the boarding of the Haimun, and this, for prudential reasons, may have occasioned the hasty recall of the boarding officers. On this point it may be noted that while the ether itself transmits all forms of electric waves impartially, it is quite within the probabilities that some characteristic in the method of transmission, or some peculiarity of code used by one vessel or fleet, might after a little experience be quickly recognized by other fleets and in this way the presence of friend or enemy could be recognized without a regular message. — From "Wireless Telegraphy of Today," by William Maver, Jr., in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for August.

### A Real Cotillion Leader.

Reginald Vanderbilt, District Attorney Jerome's much-sought-for friend, never distinguished himself in any particular direction at Yale, and the glamor of his money only appeared to dazzle the eyes of such of his classmates as were of the sort that the very democratic and outspoken men at that institution refer to as "the more-money-than-brains set." "Reggy" failed to "make" either of the elder senior societies and also failed to get a sheepskin when the rest of his classmates got theirs. But his came a year later, it must be said to his credit.

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the fact that he has at last found a vocation at which he can excel. At Newport he has blossomed out as a cotillion leader. All Newport is therefore rejoicing, for, if there is one thing that society is short of and sadly needs, it is cotillion leaders. That it takes brains is shown by the fact that Ellsha Dyer, Jr., Harry Lehr, Creighton Webb and a few others have alone achieved complete success at the art. Even the senior W. K. Vanderbilt was not wholly a success at it, and George Peabody Wetmore admitted that he was not up to that sort of thing, after trying it once or twice. "Silent James" Smith has achieved greater successes in other directions. Yet "Reggy," who drives "divinely" according to the horse-show girls, accomplished wonders in his chosen field at his first attempt.

If only the district attorney would squelch those audacious subpoena servers or else stop his prosecution of "Reggy," it seems as if he could achieve such a marvelous success in his specialty here in New York that cotillion leading might then be selected as a life work. But if his efforts must be confined to Newport, Philadelphia, Pittsburg and other suburbs, his light must remain hidden under a bushel.

### Wholesale.

(From the Detroit Free Press.)

Ethel—The ladies want me to sell kimonos at the charity bazar.

Pearl—Are you going to?

Ethel—Yes; I've got Jack to buy them all up in advance.

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